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President: Ms. Al-Khalifa ..... (Bahrain)

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 103 (*continued*)

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

The President: The General Assembly will continue with the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace those members whose term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

As members will recall, when the 36th plenary meeting was adjourned earlier today, there still remained one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to be filled.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the next round of balloting by secret ballot.

This thirtieth round of balloting, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, will also be the fourteenth unrestricted ballot.

For this thirtieth round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely Argentina and Peru.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States the name of one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State.

If a ballot paper contains the name of a Member State which does not belong to that region, that ballot will be declared invalid.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jumat (Brunei Darussalam), Mr. Sepúlveda (Chile), Mrs. Cerere (Kenya), Mr. Flueck (Switzerland) and Ms. Dinevska (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.15 p.m. and resumed at 3.30 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	7

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Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77
Bolivia	1

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We must therefore proceed to the fifteenth unrestricted ballot.

For this thirty-first round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely Argentina and Peru.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State.

If a ballot paper contains the name of a Member State which does not belong to that region, that ballot will be declared invalid.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.40 p.m. and resumed at 4.15 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	108
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77
Bolivia	1

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We shall therefore proceed to the thirty-second round of balloting, which is the sixteenth restricted ballot.

This thirty-second round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States that were not elected in the previous ballot, namely Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Members are requested to remain seated until the ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.25 p.m. and resumed at 4.45 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	191

Number of invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	189
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	122
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	76

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We shall therefore proceed to the thirty-third round of balloting, which is the seventeenth restricted ballot.

This thirty-third round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.55 p.m. and resumed at 5.10 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	191
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	108
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We shall therefore proceed to the thirty-fourth round of balloting, which is the eighteenth restricted ballot.

This thirty-fourth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.20 p.m. and resumed at 5.40 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	190
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	190
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	123
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	108
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	76

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled

from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We must therefore proceed to the thirty-fifth round of balloting, which is the sixteenth unrestricted ballot.

For this thirty-fifth round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate, except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely Argentina and Peru.

We shall now begin the voting process.

Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States the name of one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State. If a ballot paper contains the name of a Member State which does not belong to that region, the ballot will be declared invalid.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.50 p.m. and resumed at 6 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B — Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	191
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	191
Abstentions:	7
Required two-thirds majority:	123
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	103
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	81

This unrestricted ballot has again been inconclusive. According to the rules of procedure, we shall continue with a series of unrestricted ballots. However, I should like to inform members that the next round of balloting will take place on Wednesday morning, 25 October 2006, at 10 a.m.

The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.